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Conferences and Camps Get Green Light; Convention Still in Doubt

Word has been received from the Educational Department that an official o. k. from Washington gives summer conferences and camps the privilege of going ahead. There is no decision yet as to our convention. That will be decided upon its own merits—the ODT being the judge. We have been informed that our national headquarters is taking up the matter of state conventions with Washington and a blanket application will be made for all. We have written to make sure that Oregon will be included in the askings.

The program committee has concluded its work on the program except for some minor details. The Educational Committee yet has to set up the morning classes. Dr. O. L. Shelton, Dean of the School of Religion, Butler University, has accepted an invitation to be our guest speaker. Every thing has been done on a tentative basis so we will be ready when the go ahead signal is given. If it is not given we will be good Americans, but will plan some other way to conserve the convention values.

A New Department

A new department has been instituted by the United Society—A Department of Lay Activities. Just what this may mean we do not know yet, but it is designed to serve the laymen of the brotherhood. In recent years there has been a strong tendency toward greater lay activity in the churches. Twenty-five or more years ago R. A. Long spent thousands of dollars in an attempt to organize the men of the brotherhood. It died, because it was something superimposed. This present move is coming up from the ranks and it will have a chance to live—if it proves serviceable. We shall watch it with interest —and help it all we can.

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A NEW SERVICE FLAG

The University Christian Church of Indianapolis has made a service flag in memory of those who have gone out from that church into Christian service. It is a white background with a red border; and upon it is placed a blue cross for every person who has dedicated self to special Christian service. Not only is it a memorial to those who have gone out but it is a constant challenge to others to go out, and a challenge to the whole church to a support of the Christian ministry. What church in Oregon will be the first to emulate the idea?

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February S-Wanderings

In February the State Secretary met with the churches at Oregon City, Sheridan and Monmouth, preaching in each place. . He met with the State Youth Committee and the State Convention Program Committee. . Deaned the leadership training institutes at Kern Park, Forest Grove and Silverton, two nights each. . Addressed the Workers Conference at the First Baptist (White Temple) Church. . Attended the Christian Church ministers' breakfast. . Called on Mary Harding who had suffered a major operation at the Emanuel Hospital. She was doing fine. . Held about 50 personal conferences at the office; besides the details of office work. The work is growing and we are happy for it.

Church at Vale Burns

The church building at Vale burned on Sunday, March 4. The cause was probably defective wiring. The insurance is $1,500; but the present prices of materials and labor will make the repair cost from $2,500 to $3,000. The small group there is not able to bear this burden. Sister churches in Malheur county and western Idaho will share it with them. But there are only a few of them at the best. These are good times and a little overflow from surpluses in treasuries in a situation of this kind is only brotherly love. Send any contributions to Harrie S. Young, pastor, Vale, Oregon.

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McMINNVILLE — Offering for War Time Service Fund $390.47. S. J. Osborne, pastor.

Northwestern Christian Home Remembered in Wills

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Sup't.

Two estates now being settled in Oregon contain small bequests for the benefit of Northwestern Christian Home. When these bequests are paid they will be added to our building fund reserve for future needs.

A few years ago W. L. Laws, from Kentucky, lived for awhile in Oregon with a sister in Portland. While here he invested several hundred dollars in annuity bonds of The National Benevolent Association for the benefit of Northwestern Christian Home, naming his sister as survivor annuitant. The sister died about a year ago and word has been received that Brother Laws died in December. This releases the principal of the investment to our reserve funds.

These bequests and annuities are examples of means by which friends may help to provide for the future of our benevolent ministry. Our National Benevolent Association invests and protects these reserves for the Home, thus providing some income from them, until the principal is needed in the home building.

Health in the Home

Miss Darneille has been in bed for a few weeks nursing a bad heart. Other members of the family are in normal conditions of health. Mrs. Delozier, who came from Port Orchard, Washington, a few months ago, was found to be in need of care which our Home in not qualified to give. Arrangements were made with friends from Port Orchard to come for her and make other plans for her care.

Myers to Staff Meeting

Walter L. Myers, Pacific Coast Field Representative of our benevolent work, spent part of February and most of March in Califorina in the interest of California Christian Home at San Gabriel, California, and in attendance at the staff meeting of workers in benevolence in St. Louis the week before Easter. Most of April, May and June will be spent in the Northwestern Home area. — W. L. Myers.

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District Conventions

Not all the districts have arranged for their spring conventions as yet, but so far as they have we give them here. Some of these are tentative and may have a little change for future announcement. Look them over and note where you belong. Let's have a good attendance this year:

Douglas County, Roseburg, April 7.
Coos County, Coquille, April 9.
Northwest District, Sellwood Church, Portland, April 24.
Central District, Culver, April 29.
East Oregon, Wallowa, May 1, 2.
Willamette District Monmouth, May 7.

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BROWNSVILLE — Will have pre-Easter meeting with pastor preaching and music furnished by N. C. C. students. William Baird, pastor.

Another Major Revision of New Testament

The second major revision of the English New Testament since the publication of the King James Version in 1611 will appear in print late next fall bearing the authorization of 40 Protestant bodies composing the International Council of Religious Education.

Announcement of the completion of the 8 year effort of 16 noted Biblical scholars was made February 9 at the Council's board of trustees meeting in Chicago by Dr. Luther A. Weigle, dean of the Yale University Divinity School and chairman of the revision committee. The new translation is to be known as the Revised Standard Version.

The new version is being printed in single column pages in large, clear type. Besides a regular edition and a pocket edition for general circulation, a Service Edition for men and women in the armed forces is to be available, Dr. Weigle said.

"While retaining the simple, classic style of the King James Version, the new version is more straightforward and concise than either the King James Version or the American Standard Version of 1881-1901. The new knowledge of the vocabulary and grammar of ancient and colloquial Greek based on the discovery in Egypt of many manuscripts reflecting the common life of the first century A. D., makes it unneccessary to give an English equivalent for every Greek word in the original text."—Dr. Weigle.

A "Release—Lend" Plan"

The International Council is suggesting a project for giving religious supervision to children in camp and defense areas as a "release—lend" plan, by which churches employing directors of religious education or other trained workers will send them to conduct vacation and Sunday church schools and supervise recreation for at least one month next summer in areas requesting assistance. The churches lending the workers will pay their salaries."

The Institutes

At the time this is written three of the six leadership institutes fathered by the Educational Committee will have passed by. The attendance thus far has not been large, but many enthusiastic responses have come from those who did attend. This effort is experimental and the results will determine whether they shall be carried further or not. If not the committee will seek other ways of giving leadership training help.

Fellowship Meets

The State Christian Youth Fellowship Committee had planned Fellowship Meets for this spring, but when they finally got down to preparation the only time available was too near at hand to promise success. So they have postponed until fall time. The program is all ready and is ready for release when the time in the fall is finally determined. It is not too early to begin now to get your youth ready for this. It is a project sponsored by the Women's Society, the State Educational Committee and the Young People's Committee.

Summer Meets

The Educational Committee is sponsoring the following summer meets this year: Young Peoples Conference, ages 15-24, July 2-8, at Turner; Pioneer Camp (Intermediate), ages 12-14, July 9-15, Turner; Young Peoples Conference and Intermediate Camp combined, ages 12-24, July 29-August 4, Cove; Young Peoples Conference and Intermediate Camp combined, ages 12-24, August 5-11, Bridge. More complete announcement will be made later. Begin now to pick your young people. Do NOT send your problems. These camps are not for the purpose of making good boys out of bad ones.

Wi-Ne-Ma Beach Purchased by Christian Group

Faced with the problem of sites for camps, retreats, and recreational purposes a group of Christian men have purchased Wi-Ne-Ma beach property. The project includes 70 acres of land, 7 cabins, office building, water system, lake and a town site. The purchase price was $5,000, and it is proposed to finance it by selling lots to Christian people. The present need for finance has been met by a loan. Wi-Ne-Ma Christian Camp was incorporated November 27, 1944 with the following officers: President, Wm. F. Morse; Vice-Pres., J. Frank Cunningham; Sec.-Treas., Elery Parrish; Trustees—Wm. F. Morse, Frank Cunningham, Elery Parrish, Werner Rieder, and Richard Borcherding. Camp facilities and grounds may be used by church groups, Christian camps, or other Christian bodies. A reasonable charge will be made to cover maintenance and operation costs. Information concerning lots may be had by writing Elery Parrish, 3906 S. W. Troy Street, Multnomah, Oregon.

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CENTRAL POINT — Fine meeting with Orin Hardenbrook; 5 baptisms, 2 transfers, 14 reconsecrations. 110 additions in two years here—68 baptisms. Nine churches, 170 registered, in evangelistic rally here February 25. E. Gilbert Cays, pastor.

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PLEASE!

If you are getting more **Oregon Christians** than you need will you not please cut the number down? If you **need** more you may have them. We have seen churches where they were going to waste. Paper is a war time necessity. We must not use more than needed. One church this month has voluntarily cut its number. If you can will you not do it? The list is constantly growing and we may be forced to cut lists arbitrarily. Drop a card to the editor.

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RADIO SPEAKERS

The following speakers will bring centennial messages over KWJJ each Thursday afternoon at 1:45 p. m. Tune in on them.

March 22, G. W. Springer, "The Crucifixion of Christ."

March 29, Howard C. Cole, "The Resurrection."

April 5, Ralph L. Putnam, "Many Infallible Proofs."

April 12, A. F. Van Slyke, "The Way of the Burning Heart."

April 19, W. O. Livingstone, "The Great Commission."

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THE STATE EVANGELIST

B. Ross Evans commenced a meeting at Yamhill, Rex Lawson, pastor, on February 25. He closed at Harrisburg on February 18 with 1 baptism, 3 transfers and 2 reconsecrations. His time is dated until March, 1946. This indicates the esteem in which he is held. In all the years he has been with our State Board we have never had an adverse criticism on his work. Hold up his hands.

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MILL CITY—Having cottage prayer-meetings in preparation for evangelistic meeting. F. Claude Stephens, pastor.

ONTARIO—Have fine spirit of unity and solidarity. Attendance growing weekly. More than $100 for Week of Compassion. Geo. R. Whipple, Sr. pastor.

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State Offerings

February

CHURCHES: Coquille, $39.05; Drain, $4; Falls City, $18; Forest Grove, $25; Kern Park, $14.73; La Grande, $50; Myrtle Point, $25; Newport, $50; Nyssa, $4.42; Stayton, $15; The Dalles, $15.19; Vanport, $76.34; Walton, $30. Total, $404.73.

SCHOOLS: Baker, $10; Grants Pass, $79.90; SYPC Forest Grove, $8.17; Lebanon, $20; Redmond, $5.27. Total, $123.34.

INDIVIDUALS: Mrs. A. M. Peterson, $10; Meyer Tan-Ditter, $2; T. G. Richardson, $2; Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Rahn, $10; Donald C. Farr, $5. Total $29.00.

The grand total of offerings for the general fund for February is $557.07. This is a little behind February last year. The holding of a program up to par will need continued loyalty through the year. There are still a number of churches and schools that have sent no offering at all yet.

Centennial Fund

February Pledges

Creswell: Carolyn McMickle, $1 pd; Betty Jean McMickle, $1 pd; Esther K. and R. Clair Parsons, $5 pd; David E. Parsons, $5 pd; Lois and Kenneth Pratt, $5 pd; Duane Pratt, $1 pd; Karen Pratt, $1 pd; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schwering, $10 pd; Z. R. Adams, $1 pd; Virginia Taylor, $5 pd; Mrs. Dolly Brown, $1 pd; Mrs. Bert Perini, $1 pd; Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Sparks, $5 pd; Sue Garrett, $1 pd; Jean Garrett, $1 pd; Phyllis Garrett, $1 pd; Mrs. O. C. Joiner, $1 pd; Geraldine Wheeler, $1 pd; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wheeler, $2 pd; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Quigley, $5 pd; Mrs. Clara Mullins, 25c pd; Mr. and Mrs. George Bowers family, $5 pd; Mr. and Mrs. Cabel Holbrook, $10 pd; Wilma Holbrook Traxler, $5 pd; Evelyn Holbrook Allen, $5 pd; Kenneth Holbrook, $5 pd; Ruth Holbrook, $5 pd; Pauline Holbrook Cooley, $5 pd.

Dallas: Dorothy Fischer, $5 pd; Otto E. Fischer, $5 pd.

Fall Creek: Hermon and Betty Burke, $10, $5 pd; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wheeler, $5 pd; Kenneth Wheeler, $2.50 pd; Oreta Wheeler, $2.50 pd; Mr. and Mrs. Norton Warner, $2 pd; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Callison, $1 pd; Minnie Leigh, $1; Franka Quaschnick, $10; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hake, $1; Ernest and Annette Hake, $1; John and Florence Hake, $1; Walter Hake, $1; George W. Hake, $1; Harold R. Hake, $1; Howard L. Hake, $1; Jo Ann Hake, $1; Larry L. Hake, $1; Ernest Hake, $5 pd; Carol Taylor, $5 pd; Albert Humphrey, $5 pd; Walter Hake, $5; Benjamin Jackson, $5 pd; William Gerold, $5 pd; Irvin Lanier, $5 pd.

Falls City: Mrs. McCoy, $1 pd.

Junction City: Mr. and Mrs. Roger Carstenson, $5; Joan Harpole, $1 pd; Mary Keeny, $1; Vaneeta Lint, $1 pd; Donetta Lint, $1; Alfred Lint, $1; Darline Lint, $1; Diana J. Lint, $1 pd; Delee Lynch, $1; Dewee Lynch, $1; Deree Lynch, $1; Denee Lynch, $1; Dennis Lynch, $1; Geneva Lynch, $1 pd; Beatrice Lednicky, $2 pd; Leta E. Purkerson, $1 pd; Wirt E. Purkerson, $1 pd; Maud Cunningham, $1 pd; Gladys Horton, $1 pd; Mrs. Mabel Cox, $1 pd; Mr. and Mrs. Jasper E. Allen, $5 pd; Nellie Barbee, $1 pd; Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Carothers, $10 pd; Marjorie Lingo, $5 pd; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lingo, $5 pd; Rosa Colbert, $10 pd.

La Grande: L. L. Rhine, $5.

Monmouth: Mrs. W. A. Elkins, $10.

Multnomah: Hayden Holm, $5 pd; Eldon De Lashmutt, $5 pd; Walter E. Allen, $5 pd.

Myrtle Point: Eugene B. Moon, $5 pd; Koral D. Martin, $5 pd; Kermit W. Martin, $5 pd; Norman L. Martin, $5 pd; Marvin J. Floyd, $5 pd; Melvin W. Floyd, $5 pd.

Oakland: Church, $25 pd.

Pendleton: T. B. Bomboy, $10 pd.

Pleasant Hill: Bruce L. Jones, $5; F. F. Cooper, $5 pd; Elsie Cooper, $5 pd; Anna V. Parks, $5 pd; Maggie Stewart, $1 pd; Mrs. E. Y. Swift, $1 pd; Eugenia and William Keepers, $5 pd; John Keepers, $1 pd; Thelma Keepers, $1 pd; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Russell, $25; C. S. Lattin, $1 pd; Mrs. Anna S. Lattin, $1 pd; Mr. and Mrs. Noble G. Wheeler, $2 pd; Darrell Wheeler, $1 pd; Darlene Wheeler, $1 pd; C. B. Wheeler, $10; Noble B. Wheeler, $1 pd; Anna V. Parks, $5 pd; Elsie Pierce, $1 pd; Mrs. E. B. Tinker, $1 pd; Dorothy Tinker, $1 pd; Teddy Tinker, $1 pd; Mrs. George E. Bradshaw, $1 pd; Bruce Bradshaw, $1 pd; Leslie M. Hammond, $2 pd; Donald M. Hammond, $2 pd; Sidney E. Hammond, $2 pd; Ida C. Hammond, $2 pd; Gertrude Ann Dilley, $1 pd; Margaret A. Stafford, $5 pd.

Portland (Kern Park): Oscar R. Howlett, $10 pd; America O. Howlett, $10 pd; Oscar D. Howlett, $10 pd; Richard D. Howlett, $1 pd.

Trent: Delpha J. Walker, $1 pd; Lawrence W. and Bessie M. Wheeler, $6 pd; Evelun E. Wheeler, $1 pd; Marvin E. Wheeler, $1 pd; Stanley L. Wheeler, $1 pd; Clara E. Wheeler, $1 pd; Clayton K. Kimball, $5; Betty Joy Kimball, $5 pd; Jeannette K. Kimball, $5 pd; Bessie L. Kimball, $1 pd; Kendall V. Kimball, $5 pd; Chester Lee Hutton, $1 pd; Freddie Weise, $1 pd; Pearl Hutton, $1; Elmer Hutton, $1; Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Johnson, $10 pd; Arthur Johnson, $5 pd; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Matthews, $10 pd; Mrs. Ida Williams, $25 pd; Arthur and Thelma Lindley, $5 pd; Wanda May Lindley, $5 pd; Alvin Lane Lindley, $5 pd; Arthur L. Lindley, $5 pd; Carol Ann Lindley, $5 pd.

Three churches have definitely pledged $5 for each of their boys in the armed forces; they are Fall Creek, Myrtle Point and Multnomah. Others are buying $1 bonds for their service men. This is a nice gesture.

Previous Pledges Paid

Bend: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Moody, $7; Mrs. Ward Coy, $5.

Coquille: David D. Farr, $10; Paul F. Farr, $10.

Dallas: Clyde Earl Gibbs, $5.

Falls City: Ethel Guthridge, $1; Ruth Beard, $5; Lelia Beard, $5.

Forest Grove: Church, $100.

Klamath Falls: Church, $22.22; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Robertson, $10.

La Grande: Daisy Nelson, $5; Mrs. Fay Yeske, $10; Anon, $11.

Molalla: Ellen Baty, $10.

Monmouth: Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Chambers, $10; Carol Ann Chambers, $5.

McMinnville: Mrs. Dora Barendrick, $25.

No. Bend: Elmer I. Newton, $25; Mary Esther Newton, $25; Ruth A. Newton, $10.

Oakland: Dr. R. L. Dunn, $40.

Pendleton: Mrs. Pearl Puryear, $5; A Friend, $3.50.

Portland (First): C. F. Swander, $5.

Portland (Kern Park): Meyer Tan-Ditter, $5; Loren Arnett, $5.

Portland (St. Johns: Church, $30.

Salem (Court): Della Dike, $5.

Salem (First): Church, $42.

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Direct Support Mission News

By J. Frank Cuningham

Funds for the support of this column during its first year were secured by direct solicitation of interested churches or other organizations. Believing that many others might like to have a part in this work we have made mention of the method by which the space in the OREGON CHRISTIAN is financed in recent issues of the paper and have not sent out direct solicitation as before. There has been a generous response; but there has also been some confusion. We have received two or three letters asking why the Direct Support Mission News must pay for space in the OREGON CHRISTIAN. The answer is simple. At the top of column 1, page 2, of each issue of the paper will be found the names of the several agencies or groups who underwrite the cost of publication. Each group is allotted a certain amount of space and pays accordingly. There is no common treasury from which funds can be appropriated to pay for this column; hence, it is necessary that funds for its support be contributed. We give space to this explanation because we don't want anyone to think that the Direct Support work has to pay for space which others receive "free for nothing."

The Philippine Cause

Since the liberation of Manila many people are asking what is the news from our missionaries who were interned at Santa Tomas. As far as we know, no direct word has been received from any of them yet. Soon after the liberation of the Santa Tomas internees the Richfield Reporter was heard to mention the name of Vernon Newland; and the Christian Standard carries the following quotation from the Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer: "Vernon M. Newland, head of the Tibetan Christian Mission, said, 'This day seems too good to be true! After a year of imprisonment and months of starvation, food and freedom are like heaven on earth.'"

Direct Support missionaries who were interned in the Philippines included Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hale, Misses Edith Shimmel and Ethel Jones, of the Manila Christian Mission; and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Newland and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Carlson and their families, of the Tibetan Christian Mission. These latter had been working temporarily on the Island of Cebu prior to the Japanese invasion of the Philippines. The Christian Standard suggests a "Philippine Emergency Fund" intended, in the words of a member of the Bryant, Ohio, Women's Missionary Society, to "help in some way those people who have had everything taken from them." It sounds like a good idea. Offerings to this "Philippine Emergency Fund" can be sent to Roy P. Slifer, Box 5, Station N, Cincinnati 3, Ohio. Gifts not specifically designated will be prorated among the Philippine missionaries.

Mexico

Brother and Sister Harland Cary set out several months ago to open a mission in South America. They went to Monterrey, Mexico, to study with the veteran missionary, E. T. Westrup. Because of difficulties in the way of going on to South America, and because of the great opportunities where they are, they write in the little folder, "Christian Mission to Latin America:" "We believe that it is the Lord's will that we stay here in Mexico for an indefinite period of time. Whenever we see that the work here will be in safe hands at the close of Brother Westrup's labors, and the Lord opens a door for us at some other point, we are ready to answer the call."

Speaking of the evil on every hand Brother Cary writes: "Surely the devil has put a high bid on Mexico and the rest of Latin America, but it is possible and also probable that the Christian people, through the power of the gospel will place a higher bid for the souls of the Latin Americans. What are the souls of 107,000,000 people worth? We, you and I, answer the question by the way we act. Are we going to answer it correctly?" Brother Cary's present address is, Lista de Correo, Monterrey, N. L., Mexico, but he asks that funds for his work be sent to his sister, Miss Virginia Cary, Wilmore, Kansas.

A list of between 80 and 90 Direct Support home and foreign missionaries, with their addresses, will be found on page 12 of the February 12, 1945, issue of the Christian Standard.

Northwestern Christian College News

By Kenneth Johnston

The President's Column

The Gospel of Christ is not merely good news, it is THE Good News. It is not simply a pleasing newspaper headline for a day, it is perpetually fresh and thrilling headline news.

Evangelism, the telling of The Good News, has two phases: (1) The winning of individuals to become obedient believers in Christ as they hear, believe, repent, confess Christ and are baptized into Him; (2) Helping those who have obeyed the commandments of first principles to grow in Christian knowledge and grace.

Enthusiastic students in training at N. C. C., while growing in Christian grace and knowledge, effectively use their knowledge of first principles to win others to Christ.

Thus it is that some 300 students in N. C. C. are able evangelists while in college. Effective field work is recognized as an integral part of their college course. They learn by doing. They are able to evangelize because they know the facts, commandments and promises of the Gospel and eagerly tell others.

The week before Easter 1945 will be a time of intense evangelistic work by N. C. C. students. They will serve as evangelistic leaders in one capacity or another—as preachers, song leaders, personal workers, teachers—with churches in California, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

While statistics relative to work done by students during the Easter season will be gathered and publicized, it will not be possible to measure by arithmetical means the effectiveness of the evangelism. The Master Himself will bestow in proper manner His "Well Done!"

The Easter reports will not tell all. These same students are evangelists every week. Thousands hear from them the Gospel story each Lord's Day as they travel, collectively, thousands of miles to tell of Christ's redeeming love.

It is a thrilling privilege to share in this evangelism by students. Each does his part as students are sent to N. C. C., as the work is directed and organized, as teachers guide, as others contribute funds to make the work possible. May God bless us all as we work together for Christ and the Church.—Ross J. Griffeth.

Evangelism Emphasized

Students of N. C. C. are looking forward to Pre-Easter evangelism. Churches are asking for gospel teams to assist them. It is the desire of the college to render the best service possible. With this in mind special classes in evangelism have been set up. The student body meets each Thursday evening and listen to an evangelistic message by one of the students. Then in class they study the various phases and technique of evangelism. The classes began in January.

Chapel Speakers

Chapel speakers during the winter term include the following persons: Mr. Geo. H. Stewart, President of the World Convention, Disciples of Christ; L. O. White, Minister Mallory Ave. Christian Church, Portland; Dr. Victor Hoven, Professor of Christian Doctrine N. C. C.; E. R. Moon, Missionary from Africa and Jamaica; Dudley Strain, Minister First Christian Church, Salem; Rabbi Philip Kleinman, Portland; Melvin Traxler, Church of Christ, Coos Bay (Marshfield); Harry Chapin, Minister First Christian Church, Carson City Nev.; Orlan L. Mankamyer, of the Evangelist; Mrs. Claude H. Lorimer, Olympia, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Ned Roberts, Mondombe, Africa; Mr. and Mrs. David Rees, Missionaries planning to go to the Tibetan border; Thompson L. Shannon, Minister First Christian Church, Portland; Elery Parrish, Multnomah.

The 90 & 9 Rally Round the Banner

By Ed P. Dewees

The men of Central Oregon opened the series of local and district rallies which made February really resound with great singing, fellowship, planning, and preaching of the gospel over the state. They met at Redmond on Friday, February 9 with 38 in attendance, representing four churches. After a feast of chicken another feast of music was enjoyed. In the business session George Fairfield, of Redmond, was elected district president; Leslie M. Ross, of Bend, secretary; and Earl Russell, of Sisters, treasurer. It was voted to hold an annual election each September. A report was given by Leslie Ross regarding arrangements for use of the Skyliners' Lodge near Tumalo Falls (13 miles west of Bend) for a brand new Boys' Camp. D. L. Penhollow was the master of ceremonies and your reporter talked on 90 & 9 work. An offering of $23,57 was received. The district officers will set time and place of next rally.

Old District—New Name

The North Bend church was host for a rally of the Coos Bay—(Correction!)—the Southwestern Oregon District on Friday, February 16. After singing choruses to get the appetites whetted justice was done to the pot-luck dinner. "The Ninety and Nine" was sung by Ivan Correll. Everett Wolgamott, of Coquille, then took charge of the meeting as temporary chairman. In the election Chester Farr, of the North Bend Church, was elected district chairman, and Ken Adams, also of North Bend, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. The writer gave a report of the state projects and Phil Ryan, of Myrtle Point, brought the message of the evening. An offering of $28.28 was taken for the Ninety and Nine work besides a number of Millennium Minute Men dollars. The next rally will be held at Myrtle Point on April 20.

McKenzie Men Meet

Forty-six men and boys of the McKenzie District met at Springfield on Monday, February 19, for their bi-monthly rally. A pot luck dinner was served, then all gathered in the auditorium for the program and business of the evening. After a fine song service and devotional Brother Bendshadler, district president, set a good example in the prompt dispatch of business. Jean Shelley, minister of the Santa Clara Church, gave a real challenge for personal evangelism, and by their reports these McKenzie Ninety-Niners are reaching out a helping hand to "others," proving that men can be brought to Christ when the effort is made. Newell Morgan, Minister at Sutherlin, brought greetings from the brethren there along with a word of thanks for the assistance of the Millennium Minute Men. Our reporter spoke on the Ranger program. The offering was over $46. The next rally will be at Harrisburg, April 16.

Albany Entertains

Rounding out the district rallies was the quarterly meeting of the Willamette district at Albany, February 26. With an attendance of 120 the Willamette men take the banner for the 1945 rallies to date, and everyone enjoyed the delicious dinner, the inspirational singing, and the excellent program. During the business session, which was spiced with a sharp interchange between the Albany "home team" and the Lebanon delegation over the moving of Dr. T. M. White, district president, from the former city to the latter and I. J. (Ike) Bartel, of Falls City, was elected as district Boys' Work chairman. Glen Vernon, minister at Sweet Home, was elected district chairman of evangelism. Clifford Dobbins, state president, gave the men a word of greeting and a report on the meeting held at Amity. Ward Rice, of N. C. C., and minister at Crabtree, brought the evening to a fitting climax in an appeal to every man to make the best use of his talents to win souls for Christ. Everett Willard, district treasurer, turned in a check of $225 toward the district goal and forwarded $66 in Millennium Minute Men funds turned in at the rally. The Salem First Church will entertain the next rally May 28.

Harrisburg Buys Room

The first church to pledge a room for the new dormitory was the Christian Church at Harrisburg. Also, they are the first Oregon church to complete payment of their pledge. Within twelve months they have paid $1,295.24 for the dormitory room. Their total contributions to the college for the past 13 months are $1,838.01. They have 75 members. Prof. William Siefke is pastor.

$9,000

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Love, of the Christian Church at Garfield, Washington, recently contributed $9,000 to the dormitory fund. There is now almost $25,000 in cash in the dormitory fund—also about $15,000 outstanding in pledges.

Hood River Valley

While B. Ross Evans left his home in Hood River Valley to hold a meeting as evangelist for the State Board, Willie White and Clifford Snyder closed a meeting at Amity and begun their campaign with the Boyers in the Valley church. Regardless of coincidence it can be depended upon that a lot of good gospel will be preached in both places. There were 23 responses in the Amity meeting—13 confessions, 8 transfers, and 2 reconsecrations. In the closing Sunday service all records were broken in Bible School attendance and the wing off the auditorium had to be opened to seat the capacity audience. The church was greatly encouraged and gave an offering of $300 for the meeting.

Father and Son Meeting

The Ninety and Nine Fellowship of the Kern Park church sponsored their most successful Father and Son meeting in several years on February 26. The gathering is planned each year about Washington's birthday and is always awaited with interest. This year the event attracted 93 men and boys and was a triple hit with entertainment provided by the N. C. C. male quartet, and educational movie on the radio industry, and music by Mexicans in native costumes. Harold Stone (sponsor of the Mexican feature) brought the welcome address to the sons and Vic Lambert responded to the dads. Dr. Griffeth gave the message of the evening.

Bible Classes Active

Some genuine enthusiasm is being demonstrated by a number of "99"

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Read This, Please!

Late word concerning the state convention from H. B. Holloway, our transportational secretary. He assures us that if not more than 50 hotel rooms, or more than 50 railroad tickets, are used that we are in the clear so far as the government is concerned. Without question we are in the clear concerning hotels. I do not believe that we have more than 50 railroad tickets. But cannot we make ourselves safe on this and ration ourselves in this regard? It is better that a few should be deprived of the convention than that there should be no convention. So we are making this proposition:

If you can possibly get to the convention some other way than by railroad, do so. If you must come by train or not at all notify this office at once of that fact. Then when we get as many as 50 who must come by train or not at all we will request all others who must come by train to defer the pleasure of coming this year. We wil accord fair treatment to all—first come first served. It is vital that we have the convention. It is just as vital that we observe government regulations in regard to it. Be both a good citizen and a good sport. Write in at once.—C. F. Swander.

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GOD'S WONDER WORLD

This is the title of a new book of children's devotional stories by Bernice Bryant. They are suitable for children from 6 to 10 years of age. Published by Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis, Missouri. The price is $1.25.

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MYRTLE POINT—Church is buying a Bible for every new convert.—Phil Ryan, pastor.

ROSEBURG—Church debt cut from $7,500 to $2,200 in last two months. Hope to pay it all by Easter. Len B. Fishback, pastor.

KLAMATH FALLS—Church debt is paid and the mortgage will be burned May 20, the closing day of the Jupin meeting. The Bible School is on the up side of 200. Howard Hutchins, pastor.

FOREST GROVE—The offering for The Week of Compassion was $291.70, more than twice that of last year. Hubert E. Sias, pastor.

REDMOND—E. R. Moon, erstwhile missionary to Africa and Jamaica, is acting pastor.

LA GRANDE—Church cooperating with other churches of city in a visitation evangelism campaign March 5-8. A. J. Stanley, pastor.

SILVERTON — Have organized a new Boy Scout troop. Russell Myers, pastor.

ST. JOHNS — Plan to purchase a projector for educational work. World Day of Prayer observed February 25 with Ross Griffeth speaker and music by N. C. C. quartet. Howard Cole, pastor.

THE DALLES—Bible School in contest with Pendleton until Easter. Cecil Warner, pastor.

CANBY—Poured foundation for addition on church house last week. D. D. Priest, pastor.

SUTHERLIN—Average Bible School attendance for February was 82. Newell Morgan, pastor.

Smiths and Hubers Freed from prison camp

By Muriel Jordan

Unofficial word has reached this country that Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith and son Freddie, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Huber were among those freed from Japanese prison camps in the Phillippines during recent operations by American armed forces. According to meager information that has come from these places both families were interned in their Vigan homes on December 11, 1941, just four days after Pearl Harbor, but in August of 1942 were transferred to Camp Holmes in Baguio Province.

The last direct word from them was written in May, 1944 and received here January 19, 1945. In this they stated that they were thankful to be together and that they were permitted to take their own beds, bedding, a few clothes and some medicine.

The Smiths and Hubers have been on the prayer lists of Christians all over the United States and many people are rejoicing over this welcome bit of news which comes as an answer to prayer.

A Letter from Goldie

A recent letter from Goldie Wells said that she would leave this country on March 3, sailing on a Portugese steamer for Lisbon, Portugal, and hoped to get passage from there to Africa in the near future.

Miss Wells has just completed work on a manuscript concerning the Congo before the coming of the missionary; the arrival of the missionaries and development of Mondombe station; then a general picture of mission work in the whole Congo field, and a glimpse of future plans. The work is in the hands of the Bethany Press, Publishers, and will perhaps be available by September. All material is true, but the story is built around an imaginary character, Sika, and the name of the book will probably be "Sika—Son of the Congo." Pictures and maps will make the book useful for mission study. Orders may be placed through the publishers.

Another interesting item in Goldie's letter was that Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith and daughter Laura Jane, Mrs. Virginia Clarke and Miss Ruth Musgrave have just reached Buenos Aires from Cape Town. They have been en route from Congo since August.

Action of State Board

An important meeting of the State Board of Missionary Organizations was held on March 1, in the First Christian Church of Portland, with all but one member present. Many plans and reports were given to show a healthy and progressive work being done in all departments of our work.

One of the outstanding items of business was making plans for a series of missionary rallies in all parts of the state during the month of May. Such rallies were held in years past but have been discontinued recently; but the need for such meetings has become imperative and it was decided to hold 10 or 12 of them this year.

Present plans call for an intensive one-day rally with all phases of the work covered by specially trained leaders, with either an active missionary or national worker present. The places of meeting will be widely scattered over the state so that as many as possible may be reached. According to present plans classes will be held for all officers of Councils or Missionary Societies in the morning, with a fellowship luncheon at noon, presided over by a missionary or national worker; the afternoon will be given over to a model program; demonstration of study class material; worship service; youth and children's missionary work and a discussion of Councils, Guilds and special days. These will be practical and answer as many local needs as possible, and it is urged that all women's groups in the state be looking forward to having all officers and members in attendance.

Laboratory School

Mrs. H. W. Torgerson, State Children's Superintendent, reported that plans were well under way for a one-week laboratory school to be held in Albany August 13-20, with Miss Florence Carmichael, National Children's worker of the Board of Religious Education in St. Louis, Missouri, as supervisor. Faculty members and their helpers are being contacted and a complete program for the school will be published soon.

Mrs. Torgerson was one of only 30 State Children's workers in our entire brotherhood to be selected to attend the National Children's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, during June this year. Mrs. Torgerson will represent both the State Board of Missionary Organizations and the State Educational Committee.

The usual Vacation Bible School under the supervision of Mrs. Torgerson will be held during the Turner State Convention this year rather than the Laboratory School as of last year. There will be interesting displays of books, study guides, hand work and other materials needed in teaching children at Turner this year.

Youth Fellowship Meets

Mrs. Muriel Leslie Smith, State Superintendent of Youth work, gave an interesting account of a series of Youth Meets to be held in the state early next fall. The Christian Youth Fellowship program of unifying all departments of Children's and Young People's work in the local church will be demonstrated in the summer conferences and these will be followed by the Youth Meets for further training and inspiration in the same line.

A Centennial Project

Mrs. O. F. Mick, 325 West 4th Street, Albany, is chairman of the committee on Centennial Scrap-books and would appreciate any bits of history of early missionary work in Oregon, as well as pictures for this booklet on women's work. All materials should bear the owner's name and address so that it may be properly returned. It was suggested that many local societies make up their own scrapbooks for display at the Turner convention in 1946; and that it would be well to examine former secretary's books, and to draw amusing sketches of situations that occurred during early days of your group.

Book Exchange

Many of our missionary groups need more books, or different books, in their libraries. Each group please select a number of books that your members have read and bring them to Turner where they may be exchanged for books from other societies and thus increase the reading material.

An absorbing account of the lives and work of Mr. and Mrs. L. Franklin White and two children in Landour, Mussoorie, U. P. India recently arrived in this country. Six closely typed pages told of the various experience and travels of Mr. White and his helpers. In the Kotmi field where he goes frequently we have a good sized Christian community, a dispensary and a primary school. This town is surrounded with 10 other villages where we have members. He tells of incidents in Pendra Road, Jubblepore, Nagwahi and other places in an area of 250 miles which he must traverse by bicycle, oxcart or light buggy. The roads are rough and dusty in hot weather and miry in wet weather, so he is looking forward to the time when a "jeep" will be available for his work.

Easter Week of Prayer

Easter Week of Prayer leading up to April 1 is the high spot on our Christian calendar for March. This must be a season of evangelism and personnel dedication for us. Devotional programs for this observance are available through U. C. M. S.

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THE 90 & 9 RALLY

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classes around the state and without a doubt some interesting contests are in the offing. The men at Mallory Avenue are forging ahead and have thrown down the gauntlet in the matter of attendance. As this copy was written they had reached 45 in the Sunday morning class. On February 20 they held a monthly fellowship dinner and program and there is no doubt in the mind of this writer that they mean business. Don't challenge them unless you are ready to scrap. Another active outfit is the class at Forest Grove. In their annual pre-Easter attendance war (civil) they are engaged in a "Titanic struggle of the Loggers vs. the Engineers." "Paul Bunyan" is leading the loggers, of course, and "Casey Jones" is at the throttle of the Engineers. Thus far the battle has brought attendance up to 41 (probably higher since this communique was filed), so Mallory might have a job ahead if these "Titans" ever get together. Newberg men are looking for somebody to pick on and St. Johns will turn them over if no other contender shows up. If other classes want to take a hand in the attendance melee give us the dope and we will find their match.

MMM Dollars Rolling

Since the call letter was sent out to the 420 Millennium Minute Men and Women the first of last month some 30 new members had been enlisted at the time this copy was written, and $333 had been sent in from both old and new members. While it was not intended to solicit those who had already responded with designations for three of the four fields now in process of building or planning to build, but rather to appeal to many who had enlisted with perhaps $1 or $2 to share with the other fields, the Ninety and Nine state executive committee felt that the letter would constitute a report as well as a call and should be mailed to every member. The original goal of 1,000 men with a minimum investment of $1 to assist a newly organized church in erecting a building (when needed) still stands, and no further call will be made until such need arises and then the call will be for that one field. In the meantime, let's continue to enlist new members, whether with $1 or $10, and share the proceeds as designated with the churches at Glendale, Sutherlin, Seaside and Milwaukie.

The Treasurer Reports

Since the beginning of the fiscal year the treasurer's records show $1,899.63 received in direct offerings and pledges from the districts as follows: Central, $76.89; Eastern, $45; McKenzie, $136.98; Metropolitan, $684; Mid-Columbia, $27; Southern (Ashland, $15; Southwest, $20; Willamette, $393; Yamhill, $381; and convention and miscellaneous offerings, $120.76. Evangelistic offerings totalled, $1,538.24, and the Millennium Minute Men offerings, $1,064.76. Using the Sutherlin slogan, "We are on our way," we need to bear down on the accelerator to beat the budget.

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FEBRUARY ADDITIONS

The first number indicates baptisms; the second, transfers.

Albany, 1-0; Amity, 7-10; Ashland, 2-1; Baker, 0-3; Beaverton, 1-2; Bend, 11-1; Brownsville, 0-2; Canby, 0-6; Central Point, 5-2; Coquille, 3-3; Corbett, 3-0; Dallas, 2-10; Drain, 1-0; Eugene First, 5-9; Fall Creek, 0-2; Florence, 0-2; Hermiston, 2-1; Hillsboro, 0-1; La Grande, 2-3; McMinville, 0-7; Medford First, 1-2; Mill City, 0-2; Milton, 0-3; Milwaukie, 1-1; Monmouth, 1-5; Pleasant Hill, 0-1; Central (Portland), 2-12; Englewood, 4-0; Kern Park, 0-1; Sellwood, 2-0; St. Johns, 4-3; Stayton, 9-7; Sutherlin, 4-3; The Dalles, 0-1; Thurston, 2-0; Toledo, 1-1; Vale, 1-6; Wallowa, 8-0.

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Cooperation In Indoctrination

From Easter to Pentecost, April 1 to May 20, by means of:

1.-Doctrinal preaching upon themes unique in the Restoration Movement;

2.-Special classes in indoctrination if and where convenient;

3.-Circulation of doctrinal literature in local churhes.—Centennial Com. on Indoctrination.

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The Dalles: J. Melvin Patton, $25; Harry Baird, $15.

Tillamook: Church, $45.

Willamina: Dave and Mary Duncan, $10; Jesse D. Duncan, $5; Earl M. Duncan, $5; Alfred Duncan, $5; Robert Duncan, $5.

Should any error occur in the above listing please notify us and we will make correction. All money on pledges should be sent to the state office. Make checks payable to C. F. Swander.

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MONMOUTH—110 present at Fellowship dinner with Gertrude Shoemaker as speaker. Missionary offerings for February $100. G. J. Turner, pastor.

ZION—Orchestra organized under guidance of Mrs. Wheatcraft. Ralph Helseth, pastor.

STAYTON—A three-weeks meeting by Alton Brostrom resulted in 10 confessions, 5 by statement and 7 reconsecrations. Kenneth Knox, pastor.

DALLAS — A successful two-weeks meeting with Gene Robinson preaching and Leanna Meserve singing. Two baptisms 10 others. F. L. Towne, pastor.

MILTON—A Junior choir is under direction of Jessymae Martin; making plans for two-week meeting before Easter with Dallas Meserve and wife leading; A women's council organized. Joe Jewett, pastor.

AMITY—Looking forward to dedication of new parsonage and 99th anniversary of church on March 18. Ray C. Smith, pastor.

BAKER—Men composed the choir February 25. Painters are busy redecorating building. F. W. Zook, pastor.

ENTERPRISE — Plans ready for a full church basement as soon as labor and materials are available. Edwin Beem, pastor.

RIDDLE—Exchanged pulpits with Brother Powell of Myrtle Creek February 25. Truman Robbins, pastor.